

*YouCut voting period extended 24 hours due to high participation*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S Congressman Tom Rooney (R-FL) today issued the following statement to announce that with more than 260,000 votes cast, the voting period for [YouCut](#) will be extended until Tuesday.

[YouCut](#)

is a first-of-its kind initiative sponsored by Congressman Rooney and the House Republican Economic Recovery Solutions Working Group to give the American people the power to vote on which wasteful spending programs they would like to cut.

“Over the last week, more than a quarter-million Americans have cast their votes and told Congress they’re ready to get serious about cutting spending,” Rooney said. “These votes aren’t coming from Washington insiders; they’re coming from places like Jupiter, Punta Gorda and Okeechobee. Of the more than 260,000 votes cast so far, less than one percent have been cast from inside the beltway in Washington. The groundswell of support and enthusiasm for this project across the country has shattered our expectations and made it abundantly clear that the American people are tired of being ignored by this Congress.

“Due to the overwhelming interest in [YouCut](#) , we are keeping this week’s vote open until tomorrow so that more Americans can have the chance to make their voices heard. Later this week, we will force Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats to vote on the spending cut that hundreds of thousands of Americans demand. People in Florida recognize that Congress has a spending problem, and they’re standing up and telling us it’s time to start cutting waste. I hope Congress will listen.”

### **How [YouCut](#) works:**

The project revolves around a two step process:

1. Each week, the House Economic Recovery Solutions Group will post online (at <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/YouCut>) a list of five proposals to reduce wasteful or unnecessary spending. The public will have a chance to vote online or on their cell phones on the proposal they would most like to see Congress take up the next week. (You Vote)
2. The next week House Republicans will force the House to vote on whether or not to take up and debate the bill. (We Cut)

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